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Trail-management guidelines move forward at Danville-Georgetown, Henry's Ridge open spaces

**King County Parks to install new trail signage, work with trail-user groups on
stewardship and trail etiquette at popular backcountry trail destinations**

Following an active, six-month-long public-engagement process that resulted in more than 125 comments from multiple trail user groups, King County Parks has finalized trail-management guidelines for the popular trails at Danville-Georgetown and Henry's Ridge open spaces in southeast King County.

Trails at the two open spaces will be open to all user groups, including hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers, with new trailside stewardship and etiquette signage.

With increased trail use at the two open space sites, King County Parks staff met with trail user group representatives to identify potential issues of concern and possible solutions to those issues.

Working with the trail user groups resulted in several actions that King County Parks will take, including placing signage at trailheads to identify which trail group predominantly uses the site and performs the bulk of the trail maintenance and other stewardship.

King County Parks staff will continue to work with various trail-user groups to improve trail conditions; prevent user conflicts; provide trail etiquette education; and to revise and update public information about appropriate uses at the two open space sites.

King County Parks staff will also work with equestrian organizations to identify a good location for a dedicated equestrian trail training site.

Together, the Danville-Georgetown and Henry's Ridge open spaces comprise more than 600 acres of public open space in the Maple Valley-Black Diamond area.

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Celebrating its 75th Anniversary, King County Parks - Your Big Backyard - offers more than 200 parks and 26,000 acres of parks and natural lands, including such regional treasures as Marymoor Park and Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, 175 miles of regional trails, 180 miles of backcountry trails and a world-class aquatic center. By cultivating strong relationships with non-profit, corporate and community partners, King County Parks enhances park amenities while reducing costs. Learn more at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/parks/>.